

Tips for Research:

- READ YOUR TOPIC BRIEF KIDDOS!!!
 - Topic briefs should be posted on www.idia.net
 - If you're a new member and don't already have your username and password you can see any one of the officers and they can look it up for you (or feel free to ask your mentor to do it for you).
- www.scholar.google.com is your best friend :)
 - With scholar google your search results will be limited to credible academic papers and so you don't have to worry about searching through tons of not as relevant links.
 - Regular google is useful too, there might be cool sources there that aren't available on scholar google.
- Wikipedia is a great resource for just learning background info about your topic and/or country
 - A great thing about Wikipedia is that if you don't understand something in an article you should be able to click on one of the related words and be taken to a separate article explaining it.
 - You should be careful never to source wikipedia as it can be edited by anyone, but if you scroll all the way down to the bottom there should be sources cited that you can click on and check out (make sure you don't just copy and paste the citation if you decide to use the source though, recite it yourself).
- Make sure you research your committee to find out about its powers and limitations.
 - Here's a great website to do that:
<http://www.un.org/en/sections/about-un/funds-programmes-specialized-agencies-and-others/index.html>
- Also try to research NGO's and other sources of money to fund solutions that might be expensive.

Tips for Speech Writing:

- Start with a list of bullet points for your most important arguments.
 - If you're comfortable enough with public speaking you can just leave it here and speak only from this list.
 - If you think you need to, use these bullet points as the basis for your speech.
 - Write an intro
 - If you're having trouble, it's always ok to start with a fact/figure related to your topic or maybe an interesting question.
 - Explain your bullet points
 - Don't forget to cut or combine ones that seem repetitive or unnecessary
 - Find data that supports your claims!
 - Write a conclusion
 - If you're having trouble, restate the common goal of the committee and reiterate that your solution/s would be the most effective at achieving that goal.
- Focus on your solutions!!
 - If you're one of the first speakers (which we encourage you to be) feel free to summarize the issue and talk about why it's important but if you're not it's better to only focus on the substance of your speech rather than repeating what the first few speakers already said and what the whole committee already knows.
 - Try to make your solutions as specific as possible and when necessary separate them by short and long term.